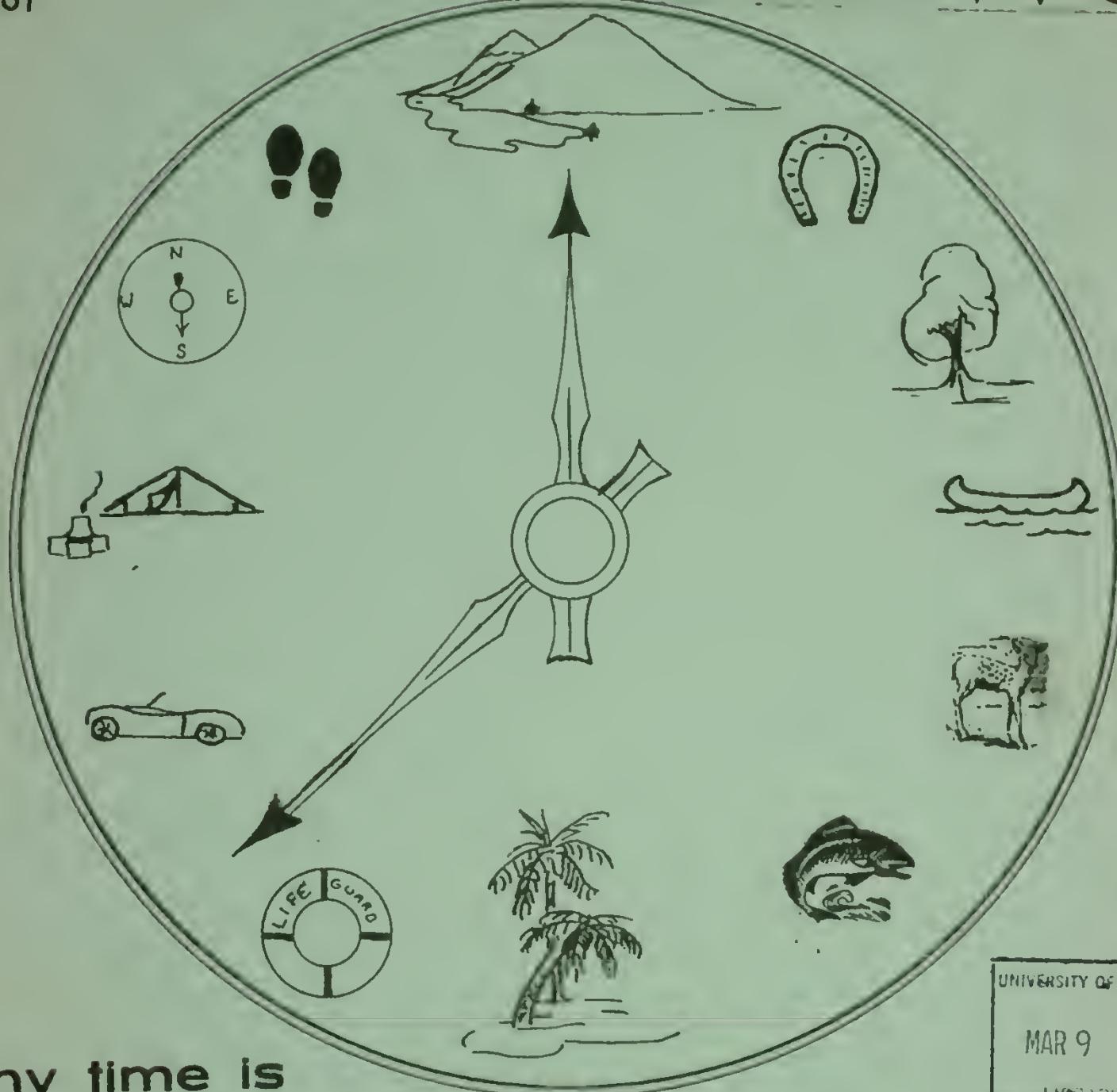


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PARK NEWS

GEORGIA VETS. MEM. STATE PARK
Submitted by George Greene, Supt.

The swimming pool at Georgia Vets. Memorial has finally begun to have some activity after such a long cool spell the first half of May. Numerous school and civic groups have given good attendance the past two weeks. The Georgia Quarter Horse Association sponsored a show here on Saturday May 27 with approximately 125 horses entered - some from as far away as Victoria, Texas. Especially featured were the working abilities with cattle. Events included cutting, roping, and steer-dogging. There were also many pleasure horses in evidence; as well as hundreds of attractively costumed riders and spectators - generously sprinkled with silver trappings, high heels, and horse sweat - and everywhere the soft creaking of leather against leather. It was a most pleasant time for all.

We have just received new shower stalls for our cottages, and not a moment too soon. Mr. Sockwell will finish their installation this week.

We will begin erection of a shelter in our new camping area on June 7. The Crisp County Commissioners let us have some prisoners to do the grubbing and cleaning work. Each group will have private access to the lake. We have enough room to give each site its own water frontage.

We all wish Miss Rankin well in her new endeavor, and look forward to having her back in the fall.

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A. H. STEPHENS STATE PARK
Submitted by T. E. Darden, Supt.

To the delight of everyone the new swimming pool is open on weekends, and after June 2, the pool will be open every day. A number of people

braved the cool weather to swim and now that the weather is getting hot, it will be even more inviting.

The new tent and trailer area has been completed and those camping there enjoyed their stay in our park. The Highway Department is hauling soil to build and improve the park roads. Also the steel building has been completed.

The paint has arrived for the museum and the superintendent's house. All of these improvements are greatly appreciated.

School groups have enjoyed the park this spring. Now we are looking forward to those on vacation. The uniform of Confederate Gen. A. J. Warinac, Col. E. First Ga. Battalion Joseph E. Johnston Army has been added to the museum collection.

We will miss Barbara, but we are looking forward to her return this fall.

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK
Submitted by M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

A new picnic shelter has just been erected in our tent camping area and new water lines are being laid to various spots in the same area. Eight portable barbecue stoves have also been placed at various locations in the camping area where wiener roasts may be enjoyed by the guests. We are having quite a large crowd of boy scouts and similar groups in the park now, also a number of boat regattas from Brunswick, Savannah and Jacksonville, Florida who came here on a one to two day trip.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
Submitted by T. D. Carter, Supt.

During the month of May the following groups used the facilities of our Group Camps; M.Y.F. of the Methodist Church, Decatur, Ga.; S.S.F. Group of the Christian Churches of Ga., Macon, Ga.; Inter-Department, Park Street Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Motors Ins. Co, Atlanta, Ga.; Belvedere Methodist Church, Decatur, Ga.; Older Youth Group, St. Marks Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Friendship Class of The Columbia Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Alice Walker S. S. Class, Martha Brown Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; 1st Methodist Church Cub Scout Park 54, East Point, Ga.; Ga. Training School for Girls, Atlanta, Ga.; a total of 1,421 camper days. 29 different church school and civic groups used the facilities of our barbecue shelter.

Swimming was slow during the month, due to cool weather, we had light frost Saturday morning May 27. We had three B.S.A. Troops, one R.O.T.C. and one Army Reserve Unit doing Pioneer Camping during the month.

From our woodworking shop, 68 wood picnic tables, 18 poolside benches, several cabinets and numerous signs were sent out to various parks.

Visitors to our park from the G. O. during May include Mr. McGarity, Mr. Arnall and Mr. Carbine.

We would like to give Miss Barbara Rankin a round of applause and many thanks for the help that she has afforded us all, and we wish for her every success in her new venture.

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With the summer season well underway, we should be getting many news items of interest that could be printed in Park Views.

WEDDING BELLS

Little did Virginia Alexander of Portsmouth, Ohio realize when she was visiting friends in Perry, Georgia that she was to make this her home. Nor did Bob Riggen, sign painter at Hard Labor Creek, realize until their meeting that his 59 years of bachelorhood were over.

The couple married June 2, 1961 in Folkston, Georgia, and have our very best wishes for their future together.

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WELCOME

A newcomer to this department is Howard E. "Doc" Ayers, who is with us temporarily for the purpose of inspecting the swimming facilities and operations at both the beaches and the pools.

Mr. Ayers is head coach in Cedar-town's School Athletic Program and has, for many years, brought his teams to our State Parks for spring practice.

We all wish him well and hope he'll enjoy his work with us.

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My young sister-in-law, mother of four, was telling me about her neighbor who has eight children. "She's amazing! Her house is always neat as a pin; she's a wonderful cook and does her own sewing. Her children are polite and well-behaved. She is active in the P.T.A., helps with the Brownies and is a den mother for the Cub Scouts. She is pretty and has loads of personality. She makes me sick!"

Basic Arithmetic--A six-year-old girl informed me that two plus two does not always make four. "Two rain drops plus two raindrops," she pointed out triumphantly, "make a puddle."

Readers Digest

POISON IVY ISN'T

Don't laugh at it!

For your own protection, learn first to identify the plant on sight. Any number of books carry illustrations of poison ivy. It is a vine-like shrub, full of green three-leaved clusters of small berries clinging close to the stalk. Poison ivy is a tree-climber. You will find it in shaded spots, where it sometimes grows into a thicket, to a height of five or six feet.

The first poison ivy sufferers generally acquire the rash in the latter part of May or the early part of June. No one has an absolute immunity to ivy.

Some people do not contract the allergy as easy as others. Some are so sensitive to the plant that just walking near it, with the atmospheric conditions just right, gives it to them. Even the fumes of a campfire, in which ivy-encrusted logs are burning, can transmit the sap to your skin.

Another trap set by poison ivy is that the plant has many disguises. It can grow as a low bush, as a vine climbing a tree or house, or it can hide itself as a creeper underfoot. All three forms can combine in one plant growth--along the ground, up a fence, then as a bush from the top rail! Another type of poison ivy, sometimes called Eastern Oakleaf poison ivy, had a unique, warty growth on the leaves.

Once you learn to identify ivy, your troubles are over. You don't walk into the path of an oncoming truck. Neither do you stalk through a patch of poison ivy, or contact the plant in any way, once you know it by sight.

Treat ivy with respect.. You'll never be sorry.

The sight-seeing bus rounded a curve in the Canadian Rockies, and there, nestled at the foot of a mountain, was a lake of breath-taking beauty. "What makes these lakes so green?" asked one middle-aged passenger. "Well, ma'am," drawled the driver, "some folks say that every spring the lakes are drained and the bottoms painted green. But the most widely-accepted theory is that it's the reflection of the tourists."

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In an inspection at a Boy Scout camp, the director found an umbrella neatly rolled inside the bedroll of a small camper. Since the umbrella was not listed as a necessary item, the director asked the lad to explain. "Sir," asked the young Scout with a weary sigh, "did you ever have a mother?"

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A young teacher, looking harassed, came into the school office and asked for one of the IQ-test forms. When asked what he was going to do with just one test, he replied, "Oh, I just want to find out if it's them or me!"

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An elderly couple, standing in a pouring rain, were engaged in a friendly argument over who should take the one umbrella they had between them. Finally the wife put an end to the argument: "You take it, dear. I'm all drip-dry and you aren't."

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Those who live on the mountain have a longer day than those who live in the valley.

Sometimes all we need to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.

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HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR SEASON IN THE SUN

To help you have a wonderful time during your season in the sun, these do's and don'ts are worth remembering.

Do get your suntan gradually. Never expose more than a few minutes at first. Increase sunning five minutes daily thereafter. Use a protective cream or lotion. Should you get a severe burn with blisters, have your physician treat it.

Do take it easy. If you suddenly plunge into strenuous activities, you'll probably regret it. Break in gradually...that way you'll avoid undue muscular aches and pains and perhaps a strain on your heart. Pace yourself. Stop when you begin to feel pleasantly tired.

Do be a careful camper. If you plan a camping trip at some far-away place, take along an adequate selection of first aid supplies--plus a few household remedies. When building a fire outdoors, watch it constantly and have pails of water or sand nearby. Never leave a fire until it is out completely.

Don't take chances in the water. Always follow a most important rule of safety...never swim alone. And when toddlers are around water, watch them constantly. Even if you think you're an expert swimmer, be extra careful in strange waters. Stay out of water during thunder storms. Learn rescue breathing. Don't be a risky boater. Know and obey all the marine "rules of the road." Provide life jackets for every passenger at all times. If possible, stay with any small craft that upsets, and signal for help. Keep away from swimmers and go slow when near docks and where the waterways are crowded. Watch the weather. Stay ashore, if it's threatening.



Dear Sir:

I have been a regular camper at Elijah Clark State Park since 1955, and I cannot emphasize the great progress that has been made at this park as of this date. The credit for the ground improvements, of course, goes to the State Parks Department, but you have another credit to this park, and that is your park superintendent, Mr. J. F. Fortson, who for the last two years has weeded out those type of campers that should not camp in this park, every camper respects Mr. Fortson, and that is why this park has a class of campers that are above the average.

Every time I enter this park I have a welcome feeling, I have the assurance of a good weekend of camping.. I have no criticism to make as to the designated places for tent camping, trailers, or picnickers, because I think the management knows what is best for this park.

I feel since I am a constant camper at this park I should write you a complimentary letter of my judgement, and I think all the other regular campers feel this way also.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Christopher

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TENTING TONIGHT

Trying to decide what kind of vacation to take this year? Why not plan a camping trip? If you do, you'll join a growing clan of almost 30,000,000 Americans who are expected to take to the woods on some kind of camping trip in 1961.

There are several reasons for the recent popularity boom of vacations in the open.

1. Regardless of where you live, it is possible to find beautiful camping areas within easy driving distance. National or state parks and forests with camping facilities are located in every section of the country, and in many areas local and private campgrounds are becoming increasingly numerous.

2. Camping is easy on the family pocketbook. An entire family can enjoy an inexpensive vacation and still range far afield, and at only a little more than it would cost to stay at home.

3. With the many new comforts and luxuries developed by camping equipment makers, camping is no longer considered primarily a masculine activity. Almost as many women as men go camping.

But probably one of the biggest bonuses of a camping vacation is that it seems to work a magic on family ties as they visit new places, share new experiences, and have fun together. A week or two in the healthful out-of-doors provides everyone, Mom and Dad included with a full quota of relaxed and easy living.

Once it's decided that you'll take a camping vacation, the next thing to do is to find the spot. Your destination will determine largely what equipment and supplies you will want to take.

Many road maps indicate where camping facilities are located, and full listings may be obtained by writing the department of parks, conservation, or forestry in the capitals of the states you plan to visit. For information on national camping areas, write to National Parks, Department of Interior, or National Forests, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, both in Washington, D.C.

Here's a quick list of the more essential articles needed for an extended camping trip: tent, sleeping bags, camp stove, portable icebox, lantern, flashlight, cooking equipment and eating utensils, food, water jug, aze, gasoline can, and first aid kit. While there is almost no end to the gadgets you can carry, it's best to keep equipment portable and simple, commensurate with comfort.

Of course, the most important single article on the list is the tent, since it will furnish you with protection against the weather and provide you with a comfortable home away from home. Serious consideration should be given to its purchase.

Buy one with enough head room for the tallest member of the family and with enough floor space to accommodate the entire group--an umbrella style tent 9 by 11 feet will comfortably sleep four persons. And don't overlook such additional desirable features as windows and a sewn-in floor for protection against moisture and insects.

With so many new devices to take the chores out of camping, you'll find this kind of vacation hard to beat.

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GENERAL VETERANS MEMORIAL STATE PARK

July 4, 1776 is a date familiar to us all. It has become symbolic of the patriotism and courage of men who believed in the future and greatness of our land.

Georgia honors her veterans with a state park that is a permanent memorial to those men and women who gave their lives in the service of their state and nation.

In 1946 the Commissioners of Crisp County purchased 1,000 acres of land situated on the shores of 10,000-acre Lake Blackshear and deeded this land to the State. Today this land is a State Park that has long been a popular recreational spot for Georgia fishermen, and was a favorite of the Creek Indians long before the white settlers moved to this area.

A stone marker a short distance from the Park commemorates the site of Fort Early, which was an outpost against the Indians in Georgia's early days, and was the headquarters of General Blackshear, from whom the lake got its name.

This park is one of the largest in the State's system. It has a recreational building equipped with restaurant and fountain facilities, a beautiful swimming pool, wading pool and bathhouse that provide attractive means of recreation. Fourteen buildings have been constructed adjacent to the main park which house Georgia's Patrol Safety Education Training Camp.

There has been such an increase in attendance at this park that an assistant superintendent has been added to the staff.

A World War I and II Museum is being built and will be completed in the near future. A new tent camping area has been completed, and at the present time has 35 camp sites.

For a most interesting and enjoyable vacation for the whole family, we suggest that you pay Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park a visit.



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Henry "Hank" Struble, 38, assistant to the Director and Treasurer of the Department of State Parks, was named State Employee of the Year in ceremonies June 10 at Dinkler Plaza Hotel.

The award was made by the G-E-X Advisory Council on behalf of G-E-X. Mr. Struble received a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, and an engraved plaque emblematic of the honor.

Mr. Struble's outstanding contribution to the State government came during the past year when he and others of the General Office staff assumed operation of the department while the director was confined to the hospital for an extended period.

He was chosen by Governor Vandiver to lead state departments in the Easter Seal Drive this year. He is an active officer in the Georgia State Employee's Recreation Association.

Mr. Struble lives at 3227 East Roxboro Road, N. E.

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"QUOTABLE QUOTES"

One trouble with the world is that so many people who stand up vigourously for their rights fall down miserably on their duties.

The world stands aside to let anyone pass who knows where he is going.

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